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Regarding: Climate Planning Grant Application Letter of Commitment

Please accept this letter as confirmation that Grant County and Grant County Development Services are committed to including the requirements of House Bill (HB) 1181, related to climate planning, into its Comprehensive Plan during its major periodic update.

The Grant County Board of County Commissioners, authorize Grant County, Washington to propose the attached scope of work and budget request for grant funding to prepare and adopt amendments to implement the requirements of HB 1181 related to climate planning.

We understand that the GMA requires the county to adopt goals and policies related to climate change. These goals and policies will be considered and adopted as part of our scheduled periodic review update to our comprehensive plan.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF GRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Cc: Christopher Young, Development Services Director

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August 28, 2023

Grant County
264 West Division Avenue
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RE: Climate Planning Grants

Dear County Executive or Commissioner:

Grant County is required by RCW 36.70A.130(5) to revise its comprehensive plan and development regulations by June 30, 2027, to ensure they comply with the Growth Management Act (GMA) as revised by House Bill 1181 (Chapter 228, Laws of 2023).

We are pleased to inform you that, based on your population size, that \$300,000 has been reserved as a grant to assist in completing your work. This funding is reserved as a non-competitive formula grant. Due to the nature of the funding [Climate Commitment Act, SB 5187, Sec. 130 (21)], Commerce will award approximately \$30 million a biennium to any eligible jurisdiction that submits a complete application. Commerce will prioritize those jurisdictions with periodic updates due in 2025 and all other due dates that follow (in order).

For this reason, we request application materials for jurisdictions intending to implement HB 1181 this biennium to apply for grant funding by **October 31, 2023**. As soon we receive your submitted application, we will begin preparing your contract. The application is available online [<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a977250f9de848e3a261844529e01c38>].

All planning activities related to complying with HB 1181 incurred by your jurisdiction, beginning July 1, 2023, will be eligible for reimbursement. Therefore, you will not need to delay work on the climate grant until the contract is signed.

Before we disburse the funds, a contract will need to be executed between your organization and the Department of Commerce. In order to begin the contracting process, please complete the grant information form online and attach a proposed scope of work and budget. Contracts will be prepared as soon as your proposed scope and budget are finalized.

If you have questions or need help with developing your scope of work, please contact Sarah Fox, Climate Program Manager, at (360) 725-3114, sarah.fox@commerce.wa.gov, or Paul Johnson, Management Analyst, (360) 725-3048, paul.johnson@commerce.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Dave Andersen, AICP
Managing Director, Growth Management Services

cc: Chris Young